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Committee Bill No. 5751

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
TRAINING PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) The Department of
2 Higher Education, in consultation with the Department of Public
3 Health, shall establish a pilot training program for nurse practitioners
4 seeking to specialize in family practice to receive one year of formal
5 training at a community-based health center located in an area
6 designated by the federal Health Resources and Services
7 Administration as a health professional shortage area, a medically
8 underserved area or an area with medically underserved populations.
- 9 (b) The Commissioner of Higher Education, in consultation with the
10 Commissioner of Public Health, shall establish eligibility requirements
11 for participation in the program.
- 12 (c) The pilot program shall commence on or before October 1, 2008,
13 and shall terminate not later than October 1, 2010.
- 14 (d) The Commissioner of Higher Education shall report, in

15 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
16 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
17 matters relating to public health not later than January 1, 2011,
18 concerning the results of such pilot program.

19 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of six hundred thousand
20 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Higher Education, from
21 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the
22 purpose of establishing and administering the pilot family nurse
23 practitioner training program authorized by section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prepare family nurse practitioners for practice in safety net settings such as federally qualified health centers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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